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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA CALLED ME OVER TO MOFA APRIL 2
AND MADE CHANGES IN LODGING AND PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS GIVEN
US DAY BEFORE BY HIS PERMSEC MASANINGA.

2. OCCUPANCY OF SINGLE-BEDDED ROOM: MEEBELO AND MASANINGA
ARE DROPPED FROM BLAIR HOUSE OCCUPANCY LIST AND PRESIDENT'S
VALET MULENGA AND PERSONAL PHYSICIAN DR. CHUKE SUBSTITUTED
AS OCCUPANTS FOR TWO SINGLE ROOMS.

3. MWAANGA CONCURRED IN COMPOSITION OF ZAMBIAN PARTY FOR
INVITATIONS TO BLACK TIE DINNER AT WHITE HOUSE AND SECRETARY'S
LUNCHEON BOTH APRIL 19. COMPLETE GUEST LIST OF SEVEN ZAMBIANS
FOR LUNCHEON AS FOLLOWS: PRESIDENT KAUNDA, CENTRAL COMMITTEE
MEMBER NYIRENDA, FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA, MINISTER
MULIKITA, MINISTER CHIKWANDA, MR. MARK CHONA AND
AMBASSADOR MWALE. FOREIGN MINISTER RECOGNIZED THAT
EFFECTIVENESS OF WORKING LUNCHEONS GENERALLY FACTOR OF
SMALL SIZE AND TOTAL OF SEVEN ZAMBIAN GUESTS QUITE
ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, IF SECRETARY WISHES TO EXPAND
GUEST LIST, THEN MWAANGA WOULD NOMINATE LISHOMWA AND
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CHISANGA AS ONLY ADDITIONS.

4. FOR MEETING OF PRESIDENTS AT WHITE HOUSE IT UNDERSTOOD THAT IN ADDITION TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON ZAMBIAN SIDE THERE WOULD ALSO BE FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA, MR. CHONA AND AMBASSADOR MWALE.

5. MWAANGA AGAIN OVERRULED HIS PERMANENT SECRETARY IN CLARIFYING ZAMBIANS DID NOT, REPEAT NOT, EXPECT USG TO HOUSE IN NEARBY HOTEL THOSE MEMBERS OF DELEGATION NOT ACCOMMODATED AT BLAIR HOUSE. HE INDICATED THAT ZAMBIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON ALREADY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AT NEARBY HOTEL. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HOPE THAT PROTOCOL OFFICE WOULD STILL GO OVER THIS POINT WITH AMBASSADOR MWALE TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL MISUNDERSTANDING.

6. MWAANGA SAID HE ASSUMED IT UNDERSTOOD PRESIDENT'S MAIN SECURITY OFFICER MAPILI WHO ACTS AS BODY-GUARD, AND HIS PROTOCOL OFFICER AMBASSADOR CHINAMBU WOULD BE AROUND THE PRESIDENT ON MOST OCCASIONS. WE REPLIED THAT SOME ENTOURAGE NORMAL PRACTICE AND EXPECTED.

7. PRESIDENT'S DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: PRESIDENT IS NOT, VEGETARIAN, HOWEVER DOES NOT, REPEAT NOT, EAT FLESH MEAT OF ANIMALS (E.G., BEEF, PORK), BUT DOES EAT CHICKEN AND FISH. HE DRINKS NO TEA OR COFFEE, RATHER FRESH ORANGE JUICE, MILK, OR OCCASIONALLY HOT WATER FLAVORED WITH HONEY AND LEMON JUICE. MRS. KAUNDA IS DIABETIC AND HAS SPECIAL DIET PROMISED TO US BUT NOT YET RECEIVED. MWAANGA SAID MADAME KAUNDA WOULD GIVE ME APPOINTMENT THIS WEEK REGARDING PER PERSONAL INTERESTS AND THOSE OF SON KAWECHE KAUNDA.
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